

(03-03-14 Regular Meeting)

**MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING 9:30 A.M.  
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014**

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The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Riddick, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Chandler, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Lewis.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk to the Board; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Mark Crawford, Press; Tim Wilson, CED; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Robert Perone, Library Director; Pam Whittle, Chamber President; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Smith; Capt. Boatwright; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Chip Ware, Fire Marshal; Capt. Starling; and Capt. Smith.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (A citizen arrived to the meeting after the Public Comment section of the agenda was announced and addressed the Commission later in the meeting.)

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**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS--COMMISSIONER THOMAS:**

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and **carried 5-0, to approve payment of the bills as reviewed.*** (A list of the bills is on file in the Finance Department of the Office of the Clerk.)

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**NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION--JEFF HENDRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT:**

Chairman Riddick recognized Mr. Jeff Hendry, Executive Director for the Florida Institute of Government, who addressed the Commission regarding the 14-County North Florida Economic Development Partnership. Mr. Hendry highlighted the purpose, mission, accomplishments, and goals of the Partnership and cited the benefits to Bradford County for its membership. During his presentation, Mr. Hendry announced a new website for the Partnership, [www.nflp.org](http://www.nflp.org), and distributed a handout containing an overview of the Partnership's accomplishments over the last four years. (Mr. Hendry did not provide the Clerk a copy of the handout for inclusion in the record.)

Mr. Hendry announced some upcoming economic development educational events and encouraged staff to attend.

Commissioner Chandler praised the Klausner Lumber One Co. project mentioned in Mr. Hendry's presentation. Klausner is a large company with a great reputation for producing lumber and building materials and will be a great asset to the region.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mr. Ray Jordan, 6744 SW CR225, Starke -- Cleaning and Maintaining Drainage Ditches:**

Mr. Jordan addressed the Commission regarding the need for cleaning and maintenance of drainage ditches at the intersection of CR225 and CR227 in the Sampson City area.

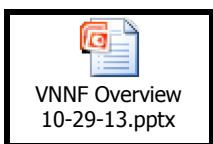
Commissioner Lewis addressed the concern and offered suggestions to help with the problem. There is a crossover ditch that has been dammed up by a property owner and the County does not have a right-of-way to get in and open the ditch.

Mr. Sexton will look into the County's options.

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**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION--STEVEN DOPP, THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:**

Chairman Riddick recognized Mr. Steven Dopp, Senior Planner with the NCFRPC, who distributed [handouts](#) and gave a Power-Point presentation promoting the Visit Natural North Florida (The Original Florida Tourism Task Force), and addressing the benefits of membership.



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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDC FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS (TDC APPROVED 7-0 on 02/20/14)--PAM WHITTLE, CHAMBER PRESIDENT:**

Chairman Riddick recognized Ms. Whittle, who presented the following TDC Funding Grant applications:

- **STARKE BIKE FEST (\$5,000)**

*Commissioner Lewis moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried 5-0, to approve the Funding Grant Application as presented.*

- **BRADFORD FEST ENTERTAINMENT SERIES INAUGURAL CONCERT (\$2,000)  
(SANTA FE COLLEGE FOUNDATION)**

*Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and carried 5-0, to approve the Funding Grant Application as presented.*

(Following the meeting, it was determined that the requested amount was \$2,500, not \$2,000. This will be brought back to the Commission at their March 20, 2014 meeting.)

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PAY HALF (\$2,000) THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE ORIGINAL FLORIDA TOURISM TASK FORCE A/K/A VISIT NATURAL NORTH FLORIDA (TOTAL DUES \$4,000 -- TDC WILL PAY \$2,000--APPROVED BY TDC 8-0 on 02-20-14)--PAM WHITTLE, CHAMBER PRESIDENT:**

Although this morning's presentation was very informative, Commissioner Sellars advised that the Board needs more time to make an informative decision considering this item. She asked that it be removed and brought back at the mid-month meeting.

Chairman Riddick advised that of all the members of the Visit Natural North Florida, the entire membership dues are funded by the TDC.

Consensus to consider this item at the mid-month meeting, March 20, 2014.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS--WILL SEXTON:** None.

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**SHERIFF REPORTS--GORDON SMITH:**

**A. DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOALS**

Through a Power-Point Presentation, Sheriff Smith reported on the 2013 Achievements and Future Goals of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office



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**CLERK REPORTS--RAY NORMAN:** None.

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**COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS--BRAD CARTER:** None.

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Lewis commented on the following:**

- Re-addressed the public comment of Mr. Jordan regarding the cleaning and maintaining of drainage ditches. Attempts have been made to help alleviate the problem. As stated earlier, the County will look into an option to get the ditch opened back up that was filled in by a property owner. There is also an issue of shallow utility lines restricting the digging.

Commissioner Chandler recommended getting the County Engineer involved, and for the County to request that the shallow utility lines be buried deeper.

**Commissioner Thomas commented on the following:**

- Expressed appreciation to the Road Department for keeping the roads passable during the recent rains.

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**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS--Chairman Riddick commented on the following:**

- Thanked Mr. Hendry, Mr. Dopp and Sheriff Smith for their informative presentations.
- Thanked Sheriff Smith for the inmate work crews.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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**DANIEL RIDDICK, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD**

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk